

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement after voting against a political House Republican funding measure that would only fund the government for one week and includes irresponsible cuts that hurt Iowans and destroy jobs:

“A government shutdown is not a game – it has very real implications for Iowans and all Americans. It’s completely irresponsible for politicians in Washington to play games and offer up one-week bills that simply kick the can down the road when we should be having a responsible conversation about how to keep the government open and funded for the long term. My sleeves are rolled up and I’ll work as long as it takes – but we must stop treating a shutdown as some symbol or political game.

For Iowa, a shutdown is very real. National Guard troops and their families wouldn’t receive paychecks. Thousands of Iowans won’t get their tax refunds. Plants that process Iowa pork will be forced to stop or delay operations. Small businesses won’t get loans, and farmers who are getting ready to plant will miss crucial information and assistance from USDA. This is very serious for my constituents.”